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In the middle of the ocean, far beneath the surface of the water, King Triton proudly watched his daughters perform a concert. Tonight's performance was a special show composed by Sebastian the crab. It began with six of King Triton's daughters singing together. At just the right moment, a clamshell would open to reveal the king's youngest daughter, Ariel.

Ariel had the most beautiful voice in all the kingdom. When it was her turn to sing, the audience held its breath in excitement.

"Introducing our seventh little sister," sang the mermaids proudly.

The audience leaned in closer to get a better look. But the clamshell was empty! King Triton gasped. Where in the deep blue sea was Ariel?





Ariel was off with her friend Flounder, exploring a sunken ship. She liked the human world. Ariel wanted human treasures such as cups, saucers, forks, and candlesticks. But what she wanted most of all was to have legs instead of a tail.

One day, a ship floated through the waters above her. Ariel raced to the surface. The minute she laid eyes on handsome Prince Eric, Ariel knew she was in love.

Suddenly, a storm moved in and began to toss the ship. Prince Eric and the sailors tried to fight the waves, but the storm was too much. Eric was thrown into the sea. The waves crashed over him, and he went under!

“I must rescue him!” Ariel said.

Ariel pulled Eric safely to shore. On the beach, she sang a beautiful song to him.

Just as Eric awoke, Ariel slipped into the ocean to swim back home. She wanted to stay and talk to him, but she could not let him see that she was a mermaid. Ariel was just relieved that Eric was all right.

Just then, Flounder swam up to Ariel. "I have a surprise for you," he said. "Come see!"

Flounder showed Ariel a special treasure he had found in the wreckage of the newly sunken ship. It was a statue of Prince Eric.

Ariel was so excited that she swam circles around it.

"I need to be human!" she told her friend.





Suddenly, King Triton arrived. He took one look at Ariel's treasures from the human world and became very angry.

King Triton loved his daughters and wanted them all to be happy, but he worried that the human world was dangerous.

"It's not safe!" King Triton said.

"But...", Ariel stammered.

"Have you lost your senses?" King Triton thundered. "He's a human; you're a mermaid! Ariel, I am going to get through to you. And if this is the only way...so be it!"

And with a wave of his golden triton, Ariel's father destroyed all of her treasures.

Ariel was devastated.

Not far away, the wicked sea witch Ursula was watching Ariel. Ursula wanted to steal King Triton's power, so she devised an evil plan.

"If you give me your voice," Ursula said to Ariel, "I will make you human for three days."

Then Ursula warned Ariel that if Prince Eric did not give her a kiss of true love within those three days, she would turn back into a mermaid and be forced to serve Ursula.

Ariel agreed and began to sing a beautiful song. Ursula captured her voice in a golden shell.

Then Ariel was transformed. She swam through the water with two legs instead of a tail.

Up on land, Prince Eric sat by the seashore and dreamed of the woman who had rescued him.





Suddenly, Prince Eric's dog Max began to bark. He had spotted Ariel by the rocks. Prince Eric ran to Ariel. Could she be the mysterious woman with the beautiful voice who had saved him? Eric was excited to hear her speak, but Ariel could not.

Eric showed Ariel around his kingdom. They laughed and danced and had a wonderful time. Before long, he fell in love with her.

The evil Ursula was watching Eric and Ariel, and she could see that they were indeed in love. Ursula disguised herself as a maiden, and wore the shell that held Ariel's voice around her neck.

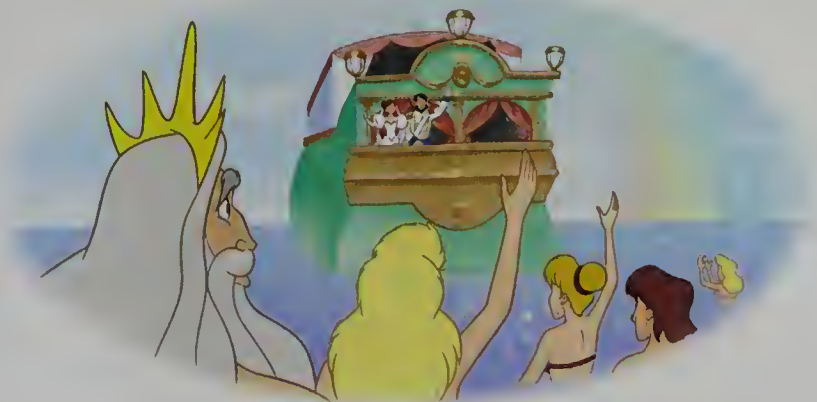
Ursula used Ariel's voice to trick Prince Eric. He thought Ursula was the one who had rescued him, so he planned to marry her that very day.



Ariel could not speak, but with the help of Sebastian, Flounder, her other sea friends, and Prince Eric, she fought the wicked Ursula and got her voice back. But she was a mermaid again!

King Triton was overjoyed to have his daughter back safe and sound, but he knew that only one thing would make her happy — love! He cast a magic spell over Ariel, giving her legs once again.

Ariel and Eric, surrounded by their loved ones, were married that very day!



Ariel: A Story of Love

Love is many things...and they are almost always wonderful! There are as many different kinds of love as there are ways to express it.

Love may mean caring about someone so much that you want what is best for them. King Triton loved Ariel. He wanted her to be safe and happy, even if that meant not having her live under the sea.

Ariel loved Eric so much that she was willing to give up something very special so that she could be with him.

Love is very powerful and very important. It is something everyone needs. Sometimes love is hard to describe... but it is impossible to ignore!



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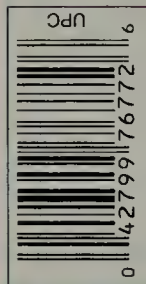
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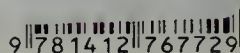
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